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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

SUBJECT: Security Organization and Functions in
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1. On 4 September 1970, [REDACTED] retired former Executive Officer, OS, residing at [REDACTED] Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. (Telephone [REDACTED]) was interviewed at the OS Historical Staff offices, references being made to various materials in the files. [REDACTED], Chief of OS/HS, attended part of this interview.

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2. [REDACTED] said he entered on duty with CIG in November 1946 as Chief of the Survey Branch, Requirements Division, of the Office of Collection and Dissemination (OCD). In March 1948 (then CIA), he became Acting Chief of the Requirements Division. He transferred to the Office of Security in May 1948, and remained in OS until he retired a few years ago.

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3. [REDACTED] said that he had had nothing to do relating to Security until his transfer to OS, and his job in OCD was not in the field of Security. Reference was made to notes of Col. EDWARDS, gathered by the latter when he started work on this Historical Project after his retirement. One of these notes is that in October 1946, OCD had submitted a proposal for the establishment of an Office of Security under OCD, its mission to include security policy, censorship, planning, security, and technical branches, and that [REDACTED],

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[REDACTED] were assigned to OCD for this purpose. [REDACTED] said these notes are in error and that Col. EDWARDS' memory must be faulty concerning this, or the information he received about this is incorrect. (Col. EDWARDS did not become head of Security in CIG until July 1947.)

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4. [REDACTED] explained that during World War II, he had been an officer with the Office of the Inspector General in the Army, and that after he left the service it was based upon this Army IG experience that he attained a civilian position with CIG, and was made Chief of the Survey Branch of the Requirements Division of OCD. He said that OCD was the major office of the intelligence activity in CIG, responsible for the overall Collection of intelligence from all sources and its dissemination to the approved recipients in CIG and to the other agencies of the Government. One of the principal functions of the Survey Branch which he headed was to make inspections of the various offices of the Intelligence Community to see whether or not they were following approved procedures and practices relating to the Collection of intelligence and to its Dissemination. The Survey Branch was not concerned with matters of security, but with compliance with the adopted policies and rules relating to the work of obtaining and reporting intelligence. The Requirements Division was concerned with the formal receipt of needs for Collection, sending these to appropriate units, and seeing that the intelligence collection and its later dissemination was in accordance with the requirements.

5. The offices of OCD, [REDACTED] said, were in the New State Building, then called the New War Department Building, as were most others of CIG, and toward the last they were in North Interior Building.

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6. In the Spring of 1948, there was a major reorganization of OCD, [REDACTED] continued, and many of its functions were placed in other components of CIA, which was replacing CIG. U.S. Navy Captain C.E. OLSEN, who had headed OCD, went back to the Navy for some other assignment, and was replaced by Dr. JAMES M. ANDREWS. The reorganization amounted to a major break-up of the large OCD staffs, with a resulting substantial reduction in personnel, so that Mr.

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[REDACTED] and others had to scout around to find a position elsewhere. The inspection functions of OCD were among those

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transferred to the new Office of Inspections and Security, headed by Colonel EDWARDS, so Mr. [REDACTED] went to him seeking a job. Col. EDWARDS, in May 1948, hired him as Acting Chief of his new Inspection Division, and his transfer was arranged from OCD to I&S. Later [REDACTED] who also had been at OCD, was transferred to I&S, was made Chief, Inspection Division, and Mr. [REDACTED] was made Deputy Chief.

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7. Mr. [REDACTED] emphasized that he had had no connection with Security, nor had he worked in that area, until this transfer in May 1948. He said Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] had started their employment also at OCD, and his recollection is that he hired them and that they first worked for him at OCD. The three of them, together, went to I&S looking for new jobs in May 1948, and had not been in any part of Security before that. Mr. [REDACTED] recalled very well Col. [REDACTED] saying that the latter was the Chief of the Collection Branch of OCD. He only vaguely remembered that there had been a Security Branch in OCD, and said that Col. [REDACTED] merely headed that as another duty, in addition to his principal one of being Chief of the Collection Branch. He said neither he, nor Mr. [REDACTED] nor Mr. [REDACTED] had worked in or for this Security Branch. He thought Mr. [REDACTED] had been in this Security Branch, possibly on its Policy Staff; both now are dead.

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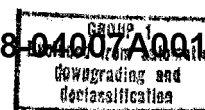
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8. Mr. [REDACTED] knew little of Col. EDWARDS' background before the latter headed I&S, but recalled he had been a classmate of General HOYT S. VANDENBERG at West Point, and had been one of the many officers detailed by the Army to CIG after VANDENBERG became DCI. He said EDWARDS had been with ICAPS, the planning organization of CIG, before being appointed as the head of Security for the new CIA. He did not know how [REDACTED] came to be on Col. EDWARDS' staff, but knew that Mr. [REDACTED] had been with the Security Office of State Department.

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25X1A9a 9. In his initial discussions with Col. EDWARDS, Mr. [REDACTED] said the latter told him that part of the OCD functions, which had been transferred to I&S, was the over-all inspection function for the Agency, the going into all components or offices of the Agency, and checking on their performance of the intelligence tasks or functions assigned to them. Col. EDWARDS told him he wanted to get rid of this overall inspection function, and that the I&S Inspection Division, to which Mr. [REDACTED] was being assigned, would make inspections only within I&S, or the Security Office. He said Col. EDWARDS succeeded in getting rid of the Agency inspection and other functions not strictly within the field of Security.

25X1A9a 10. Part of the duties in the I&S Inspection Division, Mr. [REDACTED] said, was the inspection of the security of sources of strategic materials outside the United States; a mission given the Agency by NSC-29, and assigned to I&S by the DCI. Mr. [REDACTED] made a trip to [REDACTED] on such an assignment. Later [REDACTED] who was SAC of the EIB/I&S [REDACTED] Office, made a similar trip to [REDACTED]. This was a type of work Col. EDWARDS did not believe belonged in I&S, and he succeeded in getting it transferred away to the Clandestine Services.

25X1A9a 11. When [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] as Security Officer there, Mr. [REDACTED] became Chief of the Inspection Division. He said [REDACTED] was the first Security Officer of I&S or OS assigned overseas. He explained that [REDACTED] had been Security Officer in [REDACTED] previously, but went there on the T/O of the Office of Operations in [REDACTED] was made Security Officer by [REDACTED], Chief of the [REDACTED] Mission, but was not on the T/O of I&S until he returned to Headquarters.

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12. In January 1952, Col. EDWARDS created the position of Executive Officer of I&S and appointed Mr. [REDACTED] to this job. He continued to act also as Chief of the Inspection Division until later in 1952, when Mr. [REDACTED] was given that position, and from then on (probably August 1952) he confined himself to Executive Officer duties. He said he kept a day-by-day diary of significant organizational changes, including T/O Charts, and that it would give a complete and exact historical record of changes in OS organization.

13. Mr. [REDACTED] read over for Mr. [REDACTED] the draft of Section 3 of Chapter II of his "Overview" history of OS organization and management, covering the period 1947 to 1954. Mr. [REDACTED] said this appeared to be exactly correct according to his recollection and understanding.

14. Mr. [REDACTED] had no knowledge, nor information, as to the history of the law, directives, or executive orders relating to the handling and safeguarding of classified defense information. He knew only that E.O. 10290 (of 24 September 1951) had preceeded E.O. 10501, the current authority, but did not know the basis for classification back before that.

15. Mr. [REDACTED] is completely cooperative with the purposes and aim of this historical project, and will be available for any further assistance he can give.

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